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County Board Approves First Step in Extending Lake Parkway

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors last month unanimously passed a resolution I championed to study the extension of the Lake Parkway (794) to Highway 100 at Ryan Road. This resolution follows earlier County Board action calling on the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) to start the engineering studies necessary to re-deck the Hoan Bridge, which is a key component of the 794 corridor.

The Lake Parkway currently ends just south of Layton Avenue in Cudahy and connects to I-94 via the Hoan Bridge. The additional stretch of road would lead to the Milwaukee-Racine County line. The new resolution begins the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) process necessary for adding (or discontinuing) roads and follows the correct procedural steps required under SEWRPC.

While pleased with the unanimous support of the 794 resolution, I am critical of the DOT after receiving a letter from the Governor. The Governor wrote that engineering work for the Hoan Bridge would not be done during the remainder of his term, even though this work is long overdue and was requested by the full County Board. The bridge is in very poor condition and could be closed without alternatives available.

The original Marquette Interchange work, budgeted at \$1.3 billion, would have included rebuilding ramps leading to the Hoan, but they were removed from the overall project. The Marquette Interchange was scaled back due to the raiding of the transportation fund, and I fear that residents of the south shore will pay the price for this irresponsible planning.

As the communities of Milwaukee, St. Francis, Cudahy, South Milwaukee, and Oak Creek study the extension of 794 and hold public hearings to advance the SEWRPC process for the road study, openness and accountability will be highlighted. The DOT's arrogance in using no-bid contracts with developers that could ultimately benefit from the work, along with refusing to permit the public to weigh in on the planned alternatives to the Hoan, violate the SEWRPC process. We are following the proper channels in trying to extend the Lake Parkway.

Listen to an in-depth discussion of the Lake Parkway on the premiere of "Inside the County Board," which airs at 9 p.m. Sunday, March 7, on News/Talk 1130 WISN Radio. Podcasts will be available at county.milwaukee.gov/insidethecountyboard

South Milwaukee to Consider Lake Parkway Extension

South Milwaukee Mayor Tom Zepecki and I will brief the South Milwaukee Common Council on Tuesday, March 2, at 7 p.m. on the possible extension of the 794 Lake

Parkway corridor to the Milwaukee County-Racine County line. The Common Council is expected to vote on whether to support the Parkway extension and ask the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) to begin a formal study.

Many residents of South Milwaukee interested in saving the Hoan Bridge also understand the need to extend the Lake Parkway's reach to at least the Racine County line. The current southern terminus of 794 creates a major traffic bottleneck, especially during rush hours. I look forward to meeting with the Common Council to discuss some options for enhancing this important corridor.

Other area communities will hold meetings to gauge the interest of their residents as well. Watch for action on this issue by your local officials. If you are unable to attend a meeting in your city in person, then communicate your opinion to your alderperson.

Additional Furlough Days

The 2010 Budget was passed with a \$20 million deficit. It planned 12 furlough days and required that non-union employees take pay freezes and health care and pension cuts, which resolved \$12 million of the deficit. The budget expected the same givebacks from bargaining with the unions which, to date, have not been realized. Each month of delay leaves an estimated \$1 million of the deficit left uncorrected. So the Personnel Committee, which I chair, voted 6-1 to take action with ten additional furlough days for some employees to relieve the deficit by approximately \$2 million. The full County Board endorsed the additional furlough days on a 10-7 vote.

As a representative of south shore residents who are themselves facing furloughs or even layoffs, my constituents expect me to be fiscally prudent. Many of my colleagues and I do not wish to raise taxes during the worst economic crisis facing our country since the Great Depression. This situation requires sacrifices from all of us.

Exempt from the additional furloughs are staff of the sheriff, courts, district attorney, and medical examiner, as well as direct providers of 24/7 patient care in behavioral health.

Furloughs will affect services across the board yet allow us to manage. Layoffs, on the other hand, would take employees out of County government and could jeopardize some services.

Pullin' o the Green

Participate with Friends of Grant Park in their annual benefit to preserve and restore Grant Park. With admission, you are welcome to food, a beverage or a beer, and an evening of great music by the Garlic Mustard Pickers. Admission at door is \$12 or \$3 for children under 12. Reduced-price tickets at \$10 will be available in advance at local businesses, including Parkway Floral, Wild Flour Bakery, and Nona's Café. Seating is limited, so purchase your ticket early!

***Sunday, March 14, 2010, seatings at 4:30 pm and 6:30 pm**
Grant Park Clubhouse, 100 Hawthorne Av., South Milwaukee. 764-0612*

Celebrating Fresh Water in South Milwaukee

Area residents enjoyed a unique event to support South Milwaukee businesses recovering from a water emergency in early February. **South Milwaukee's Fresh Water Days** gave the public an incentive to dine out or grab a drink at local bars and

restaurants. Visitors to participating restaurants enjoyed a meal or drink special and a chance to win gift certificates donated by area businesses and organizations.

The South Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce, including President Bryan Lorentzen, and Aldermen Jim Shelenske and Erik Brooks led the effort to help businesses hurt by a water main break in South Milwaukee. Many establishments had lost important weekend business due to the water advisory. Water service has been fully restored and declared safe to drink.

The community's participation in Fresh Water Days was heartwarming. Nona's Café and Azteca Restaurant reported clients from as far as Waukesha and Sheboygan visiting for dinner upon learning of the event. 1,600 customers entered in a drawing for over \$600 in gift certificates. Watch for another Fresh Water Days in the future!

Community Calendar

Tuesday, March 2 – South Milwaukee Common Council meeting, 7pm

The Council will address the proposed extension of 794 Lake Parkway. At South Milwaukee City Hall, 2424 15th Av, South Milwaukee.

Saturday, March 6 – Family FREE Day at the Zoo, 9am-4:30pm

All visitors receive free admission. The parking fee remains in effect. At Milwaukee County Zoo, 10001 West Blue Mound Road, Milwaukee. milwaukeezoo.org 256-5466

Saturday and Sunday, March 6 and 7 – Winter Pow Wow

Presented by Indian Summer Festivals. Traditional Pow wow with grand entries at 1 and 7pm on Saturday and 1pm on Sunday. Native marketplace, art, and traditional food. Prayer ceremony on Sunday at 10am with FREE entry for those who attend. Admission: general \$7, ages 60+ \$5, and children 12 and under FREE. At Wisconsin State Fair Park, Wisconsin Products Pavilion, 640 S. 84th St. (gate 5), West Allis. 414-604-1000 or www.indiansummer.org

Sunday, March 7 – Inside the County Board, 9-10pm

Tune to 1130 WISN for an in-depth look at actions of the County Board of Supervisors. Aired the first Sunday of each month. This month will focus on the Lake Parkway 794. Podcasts will be available at county.milwaukee.gov/insidethecountyboard

Tuesday, March 9 – Friends of Mill Pond meeting, 6:30pm

Special guest Brian Russert will introduce the Milwaukee County Park's Natural Areas Program that is actively applying restoration ecology and engaging communities throughout the system's 10,000 acres of natural areas. Brian will use a slide presentation to overview the breadth of the program, where it is working, and how individuals can get involved with the management of "their" natural resources. Brian will speak at 6:30pm, immediately before the meeting. At Marquette Manor (2409 10th Av, South Milwaukee). 571-1191

Thursday, March 11 – Grant Park "Park Watch" meeting, 6pm

At Grant Park Clubhouse (100 Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee). 764-7262

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Saturday and Sunday, March 13 and 14 – Behind the Scenes at the Zoo

Visit the small mammals and aviary kitchens, the off-exhibit lion den, big cat toys, and the sensory safari. Tours are free with regular admission and are held 10am-2:45pm. At Milwaukee County Zoo, 10001 West Blue Mound Road, Milwaukee. milwaukeezoo.org 256-5466

Saturday, March 13 – St. Patrick's Day Parade, Noon

Parade route follows Wisconsin Av. east from 3rd to Plankinton, north along Plankinton and 3rd, and Juneau east to Water St. in Downtown Milwaukee. www.saintpatricksparade.org

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Tuesday, March 16 – Cudahy Lions Blood Drive, 2-6pm

At Cudahy Family Library, 3500 Library Dr., Cudahy. Call 421-0276 for info / appointments.

Tuesday, March 16 – Music Under Glass, 6:30-8:30pm

Leroy Airmaster with Steve Cohen (blues, jazz). Enjoy the new lighting of the domes with light shows at the break and following the concert. At The Domes, 524 S. Layton Blvd. Regular admission applies. 649-9830 www.county.milwaukee.gov/FloralShowampEventSc10360/MusicUnderGlass.htm

Wednesday, March 17 – The Garlic Mustard Pickers play at the Carlton Grange Pub, 6-9pm

3807 S. Packard Avenue, St. Francis (just north of Howard Av.) www.carletongrange.com

Thursday, March 18 – County Board Meeting, 9:30am

At Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 200

Thursday, March 18 – St. Patrick's Day party at the Kelly Center, Noon

The party starts at Noon with entertainment by Pat Gong Duo, door prizes, and lunch served by South Woods at 12:30pm. Payment of \$12 for lunch is due by March 10. At Kelly Senior Center, 6100 S. Lake Dr., Cudahy. 481-9611

Thursday, March 18 – The Garlic Mustard Pickers play at Sheridan's Café, 6:30-8:30pm

5133 S. Lake Drive, Cudahy. Reservations recommended: 747-9800

www.sheridanhouseandcafe.com/TheCafe.htm

Sunday, March 21 – St. Francis Association of Commerce Spaghetti Dinner, 11am-6pm

At St. Paul Church Hall, 1720 E. Norwich Av., Milwaukee. Tickets can be pre-purchased at Fixx Coffeehouse, 3558 E. Sivyer Av., St. Francis (Just off of Packard Av., between the Carleton Grange Pub & Foamation Cheesehead Factory).

Tuesday, March 23 – Cudahy Mayoral Forum, Kelly Senior Center, 1pm

At Kelly Senior Center, 6100 S. Lake Dr., Cudahy. 481-9611

Tuesday, March 23 – Frank P. Zeidler Memorial Lecture, 7pm

Media expert, associate editor of the Capital Times, and Washington correspondent for The Nation, John Nichols discusses the 2010 book that he co-authored with Robert McChesney, entitled "The Death and Life of American Journalism: The Media Revolution that Will Begin the World Again." At Centennial Hall, Milwaukee's Central Library, 733 N. 8th St., Milwaukee.

Wednesday, March 24 – Cudahy Judge Forum, Kelly Senior Center, 10am

At Kelly Senior Center, 6100 S. Lake Dr., Cudahy. 481-9611

Saturday and Sunday, March 27 and 28 – Breakfast & Lunch with the Bunny at the Zoo, 9am-4:30pm

Sponsored by Racine Danish Kringles. At Milwaukee County Zoo, 10001 West Blue Mound Road, Milwaukee. milwaukeezoo.org 256-5466

Wednesday, March 31 – Cudahy Neighborhood Watch meeting, 6pm

At Cudahy Family Library, 3500 Library Dr., Cudahy. 414-324-5531

Save the date! Saturday, April 10, South Milwaukee Downtown Spring Market and

Business Fair, 10am-3pm At Bucyrus International, 1100 Milwaukee Av, South Milwaukee.

www.smdowntownmarket.org

Ongoing:

Music Under Glass, Tuesdays and Thursdays until March 18, 6:30-8:30pm

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schedule of music at: www.county.milwaukee.gov/FloralShowampEventSc10360/MusicUnderGlass.htm